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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

The Statement lists patent documents, which are cited in the International Search Report of the present application, and a patent document (German Utility Model G 91 15 142.2), which is cited in the introductory part of the present application.

G 91 15 142.2 discloses a filling connection for gas cylinder valves, especially of acetylene cylinders. The filling connection comprises a clamp-like connector coupling in which a cylinder valve connection piston sleeve is mounted. The piston sleeve is biased in the direction of a fitting ring. After connection to the cylinder valve, the filling passage through the housing or valve body is opened. Upon connection the filling coupling to a connection union, which later

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serves also as a discharge connection, the gas cylinder valve must be opened by a handwheel provided as actuating element.

Respectfully submitted,

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